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1. CONSULATE APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSE TO REF. B.
ANTICIPATE INITIAL MAILING WILL BE MADE WEEK OF JAN.
26 WHEN TRAVEL AGENCY MANAGER REUTRNS FROM VACATION.
BOTH SHIPMENTS OF COAL SHOW BROCHURES HAVE BEEN RECEIVEDM

WM CONSULATE HAS LEARNED THAT BUREAU OF MINES RECENTLY
ESTABLISHES INSTITUTE BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, CONCERNED
SOLELY WITH MINE SAFETY. INSTITUTE SUPPOSEDLY HAS
FACILITIES OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION, ETC.

3. POST WOULD LIKE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING CHANGE IN ITINERARY
PROPOSED REF B.
TUESDAY EVENING MAY 18 - FLY TO CHARLESTON, W.VA.
WEDNESDAY .-6 19, VISIT TO BECKLEY MINE SAFETY CENTER.
THURSDAY .-6 20, VISIT TO COAL MINE IN WEST VIRGINIA.
FRIDAY .-6 21, DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA.

4. CONSULATE FEELS THIS PROPSD CHANGE WOULD IMPROVE PROGRAM
BY INCREASING MINE SAFETY CONTENT AND REDUCING COAL
CONVERSION CONTENT WHICH IS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY BATTELLE
AND ERDA VISITS. POST ALSO FEELS IT COULD MOVE GROUP
CLOSER GEOGRAPHICALLY TO MINE VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21,
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AND THUS EASE POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED CONSULATE REQUESTS COMMERCE EXPLORE
FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSED CHANGES, ALSO POSSIBILITY OF GROUP
STAYING OVERNIGHT AT BECKLEY.

6. COMMENT IN VIEW OF IMPENDING MAILING, CONSULATE WOULD
APPRECIATE RESPONSE EARLIEST POSSIBLE.
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